Subject: Coin collection--disposal of.

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November 14/23.

Supt. Met. Museum
N. Y. City.

Dear Sir!- I am writing to enquire whether or not your organization would be interested in purchasing a collection of very rare coins. These coins are from every corner of the world and some date as far back as the fifteenth century but are nevertheless all in good condition.

The coins belong to a very dear friend of mine, who, prior to the war was leading tenor in the Russian Grand Opera Co. and were collected by him during his travels throughout the world and not a few are old family possessions. After the war he found himself in straightened circumstances and came to this country this passed March to accept a concert tour. His season here ends very shortly and he is returning to Russia within the next few weeks and is desirous of

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disposing of his collection before going because of present financial conditions over there.

If you are not interested could you refer me to some individual who might be interested? I do not care to do business with a dealer hence my object in writing you first.

Will appreciate your assistance in the matter and should you be interested, I shall be very glad to call on you at any time convenient to you.

I am here on business for a few days but will be in New York this coming week.

Sincerely yours,

O. J. Lamont.

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220 West 49th St
New York City.

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Wadsworth: 7735

November 16th, 1923

Mr. C. J. Lamont
Markwell Hotel
220 West 49th Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 14th which you addressed to the Metropolitan Museum and which has been forwarded to us for reply.

We would be very glad to have you bring your coins here that we may look them over. We cannot, however, give you much hope of selling them to anybody but dealers.

Should you care to call upon us, I would appreciate it if you would kindly make an appointment by telephone to insure my being here at such time.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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